

I do not wish to have my day interrupted by just anyone who happens to have a telephone, an index finger, and a product to sell. Of course, telemarketers do not use their index fingers; they use automatic dialers to disrupt the meals and quiet evenings of many people simultaneously. The fact that more than 80 percent of Wisconsinites have signed on to the no-call list is testimony to the fact that we do not care to be pestered by greedy and inconsiderate businesses. The banker's association, I'm informed, complains that the differences between the federal law and the state law makes compliance difficult. I'm quite certain that the bankers are capable of understanding and complying with the rule: Don't call - period. Any desire for uniformity of laws in this area is outweighed by the desire, indeed the right, of people to be left to themselves. And if uniformity of laws is important, then let's make the federal law stricter.